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Re: *Petition of Appalachian Power Company for Approval to issue promissory notes*
Docket No. 99-00835

Dear Mr. Scott and Mr. Berkemeyer:

The Authority staff has reviewed the above-referenced petition, in which Appalachian Power Company ("Appalachian") seeks Authority approval to issue and sell, from time to time through December 31, 2000, secured or unsecured promissory notes in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$400,000,000.

Appalachian, a Virginia corporation, maintains principal offices in Kingsport, Tennessee and is an authorized public utility in Tennessee. However, based on the Attorney General Opinion No. 99-119, the Authority staff finds that because Appalachian is an electric utilities provider with multistate operations or certificates of authority, Authority approval of Appalachian's proposed transaction is not required.

Thank you for informing the Authority of this matter. Please address any other questions to Aster Rutibabalira at (615) 741-2904 ext. 155.

Sincerely,

K. David Waddell
Executive Secretary

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